

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 15, 2004. Claims 13, 16, 17, 21, 22, 25, 29, 31 and 36 are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added. Claims 1-36 remain pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 13 and 16-36 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claims 13, 16, 17, 21, 22, 25, 29, 31 and 36 to further clarify the recited subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection, and reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 9, 10 and 14 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9 and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,650,996. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b)(iv) is enclosed herewith to obviate these rejections.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6960 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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